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Hanover senior housing infested with bed bugs

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HANOVER — A senior apartment complex in Hanover has some unwanted guests staying the rooms: bed bugs.

Cushing Residence, apartment homes for those over 62 and those with disabilities on Elmwood Farm Dr., is infested with bed bugs, according to the town Health Department.

Hanover Board of Health got involved after residents complained of the pests and Health Agent Kim Dixon said they are working with the management company to fix the problem.

“They are treating them and it seems to be working,” she said.

Cushing Residences is managed by Preservation Management, Inc. of South Portland, Maine. The company has been providing residential property management services since 1990, according to their website. Multiple calls to the property management company were not returned.

Bed bugs are a common problem in apartment complexes and hotels, as they can travel between rooms and can be brought in on clothes, luggage and backpacks. A number of harmful health effects may result from bed bug bites, including skin rashes and allergic symptoms.

Dixson said the treatment by the management company has been showing a decrease in prevalence of bed bugs in the apartments.

Officials at Cushing Residence declined to comment on the situation.

